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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 0428

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, NL, US

SUBJ: VISIT OF JUSTICE MINISTER TO US

REF: HAGUE A-017

1. ON 1/24 EMBOFF AND DEA SAIC THE HAGUE PAID COURTESY CALL ON MIN JUSTICE HEAD OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND CRIMINAL LAW DEPARTMENT, ORANJE, WHO ACCOMPANIED JUSTICE MINISTER VAN AGT ON JUST-CONCLUDED VISIT TO US. ORANJE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH VISIT, WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS VERY INSTRUCTIVE. ASKED WHAT IMPACT VISIT MAY HAVE HAD ON VISITORS' PERCEPTION ON DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM, ORANJE REPLIED THAT VISIT HAD REINFORCED THEIR EARLIER TENTATIVE IMPRESSIONS (I.E., THAT DRUG ABUSE IS PROBLEM OF SERIOUS AND GROWING DIMENSIONS, WHICH CALLS FOR EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE).

2. ORANJE STRESSED THAT VISITORS WERE STRUCK BY OPENNESS AND FRANKNESS OF THEIR HOSTS, WHICH WAS MUCH APPRECIATED. VISIT  
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WAS ALSO EYE-OPENER IN THAT PARTY HAD BEEN ABLE TO PERCEIVE

EXTENT OF COMMITMENT AND ORGANIZATION USG HAS PUT INTO NARCOTIC CONTROL OBJECTIVE. ORANJE DESCRIBED US PROGRAM AND AGENCIES CONCERNED AS "WELL-ORGANIZED AND EQUIPPED". PARTY WAS ALSO VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH COOPERATION EXISTING BETWEEN VARIOUS GOVERNMENT LEVELS, WHICH VISITORS OBSERVED DURING VISIT TO NEW YORK CITY.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, ORANJE REPORTED THAT GON IS NOW IN PROCESS OF FORMULATING CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON A NATIONAL DRUG POLICY TO PARLIAMENT, WHICH PROPOSALS HE ESTIMATED WOULD BE READY BY MAY THIS YEAR. HE DOES NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT JUSTICE MINISTER'S PLANS TO CREATE NEW NATIONAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT (SEE REPAIR) WILL REQUIRE PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL AND HENCE CAN BE PURSUED SEPARATELY FROM LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS.

4. COMMENT: JUDGING FROM ORANJE'S UNRESERVED ENTHUSIASM, WE CONCLUDE VISIT MUST HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SATISFACTORY TO ALL TRAVELERS. ULTIMATE IMPACT ON GON POLICY YET TO BE SEEN, BUT WE WOULD JUDGE, BASED ON MINISTER'S RESPONSES TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS ON RETURN TO THE HAGUE, THAT VISIT WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN REINFORCING RESOLVE OF PRESENT LEADERSHIP AT JUSTICE MINISTRY TO TACKLE HARD DRUG TRAFFICKING PROBLEM IN EARNEST. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EFFORTS OF ALL THOSE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO SUCH SUCCESSFUL VISIT. WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO CONVEY OUR THANKS TO NEW YORK CITY POLICE COMMISSIONER AND STAFF IN ANY MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY DIRECT TO NEW YORK CITY OFFICIALS.

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